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SCUFFLE IN THE SKYLINE!

VIRULE
WARNED
THAT YOU
WOULD NOT
SURVIVE--

?!

VIRULE... IS
REPLICATING?

C'MON,
YOU CAN
DO THIS...

YES!

--UNSH--

SWITCHING THAT BIKE OFF AND
LETTING ITS MOMENTUM TAKE OUT
VIRULE SHOULD BUY ME SOME
TIME. HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE E---

EEEEW!

WHAT IS THAT
THING?! THAT DID
NOT COME FROM
A HUMAN.

VIRULE MAY
NOT BE HUMAN,
BUT HE'S STILL
ONE OF US...AND
WE TAKE CARE
OF OUR
OWN!





YOU WERE SAYING?

THE FORCE FIELD, SO MANY USES.

FIRST I HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THE CHOPPER BECAUSE IT WAS TRYING TO SHOOT ME.

TWANG

NYPD

NOW I'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO CRASH.

DAMN IT! HERE COME TWO MORE!

THAT'S IT, OUR KILL WINDOW IS CLOSING. FALL BACK NOW.

VIRUS... COVER US!

COPS, FIRST YOU TRY TO KILL ME... THEN YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME!

REMINDS ME OF MY LAST GIRLFRIEND!

THAT'S TWICE THEY ALMOST KILLED ME.

TIME TO GIVE MY ADORING FANS IN BARBERS THE SUE. THEN GET ON TOP OF THIS SITUATION.

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LATER THAT NIGHT...

ALL THE WINDOWS ARE DARK. LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S ALREADY GONE TO BED.

EVERYONE BUT SHARON.

ONE OF THE SHARONS ANYWAY!

I CAN'T BE THE CLONE, I'M ME. HE'S GOTTA BE THE CLONE.

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO BE WATCHING THAT?

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME.

YOU CAN TELL IT'S ME, RIGHT VIRG? I REMEMBER EVERYTHING FROM MY WHOLE LIFE. SO HOW CAN I NOT BE ME? NOTHING'S DIFFERENT ABOUT ME—I STILL ACT THE SAME, RIGHT?

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF A KIND, S/G.

I'M SERIOUS.

PLEASE, VIRGIL, THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT ME THAT MAKES ME SEEM LIKE A DEGRADED COPY, IS THERE?

IF THERE ISN'T THEN IT STANDS TO REASON I'M THE REAL SHARON, RIGHT?



HE'S A PERSON JUST LIKE YOU.



NIGHT, SHARON.



DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY HER LIES, VIRGIL.



YOU AND I BOTH KNOW I'M YOUR REAL SISTER. NOT THAT THING IN THERE. SHE'S THE COPY.

DON'T TRUST HER. SHE'S JUST A COPY.



THE NEXT DAY:

DWYANE G. MEDOFF CENTER FOR SCIENCE
AND MATHEMATICS, CAFETERIA.

NOW LET'S PUT
TWO AND TWO
TOGETHER TO
CATCH FIVE
GANG MEMBERS.





YEAH, RIGHT. CRUISIN' AROUND HAY BALES TIPPING COWS. THAT'S HOW YOU RIDE HARD IN DAKOTA, RIGHT? PARTY IN THE PASTURES!



NAH. PARIS ISLAND. THE BIG BANG.

THAT RIDING HARD ENOUGH FOR YOU?



THE BIG BANG NOT THE COSMOLOGICAL ONE.

I KNOWWWW.



YOU ROCKED AT PARIS ISLAND, SON? WHAT'D YOU PACK?



SNUB-NOSED REVOLVER.

DANG, DID YOU...?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT HERE.



BRUH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A POSER. I'M PARTYING AT THIS CLUB TONIGHT-- WHY DON'T YOU COME? IT'S WHERE THE SLATERS HANG OUT.



LATER THAT NIGHT...

DISTRICT 26, 26TH STREET BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH AVENUE, MANHATTAN

"BUT IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, YOU'RE NOT COOL ENOUGH TO GET IN."

QUENTIN!
SORRY I'M LATE.

I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF, LET'S GO.

KID, WHAT'S WITH THE BOOKBAG? YOU PLANNING ON DOING HOMEWORK HERE?

SOMETHING CAME UP AFTER SCHOOL, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO DUMP IT AT HOME.

WHATEVER. THEY KNOW ME. THEY SHOULDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SEARCH IT.

DAMN, THEY MIGHT SEARCH MY BAG. THEY'LL FIND MY STATIC GEAR.

AND MY NEW TOY.

QUE PASA, CARLOS? WHAT'S UP MY BROTHER?

HOLD UP, LITTLE MAN, YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T GET IN HERE, TAKE OFF!

COME ON, AMIGO. I WANT TO SHOW MY FRIEND A GOOD TIME...

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, BEAT IT, PUNK.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN HERE, BRO. TAKE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

GET OFF MS. IMBECILE!

SUN!



I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF THAT ONE. THANK YOU, MR. "DRUNK AND DISORDERLY."



THIS IS BETTER THAN I DREAMED. IF I HAD GOTTEN INTO THE CLUB WITH GUBNTIN, I WOULD HAVE BEEN SWARMED BY HOT BABS LOOKING FOR SOME VIRGIL ACTION. BUT NOW WITH GUBNTIN OUT OF THE PICTURE, I'M FREE TO...



...CUT LOOSE WITH SOME STATIC ACTION!

THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG. "DRUNK AND DISORDERLY" IS ALREADY DOWN FOR THE COUNT. WAY TO GO, CARLOS!



BASED ON WHAT GUBNTIN TOLD ME, I DON'T NEED TO BOTHER WITH THE LOWER LEVELS. HIGHER LEVELS ARE FOR THE PRIVATE PARTIES AND VIPS.

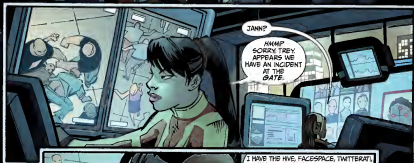


HERE WE GO. VERY INSIDIOUS PREDATORS. RIGHT ON CLUB.

THIS COULD BE TRICKY. KILLERS MINGLING WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT GET HURT.

BUT QUENTIN SAID
THAT ON THE TOP
FLOORS...

IS WHERE ALL DE
SECRETS ARE HIDDEN.
DE KERNEL WAS WELL
CONSTRUCTED, BUT DEY USED
LAST YEAR'S PROTOCOL.
IT OPENS LIKE A
FLOWER.
DE'S COMPANY
SHOULD GUARD THEIR
CLIENT'S SECRETS
BETTER. WHAT DO YOU
THINK, WE DUMP THEIR
STOCK?



JANN?

KHMP
SORRY TREY,
APPEARS WE
HAVE AN INCIDENT
AT THE GATE.



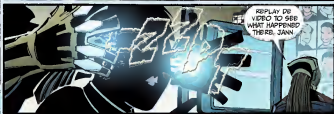
I HAVE THE HIVE, FACESPACE, TWITTER@I,
SHUTTR, YOUSPACE, META-WIKI, AND
MOBES PIC ACCOUNTS ON MY STATION.
CAN YOU SYNC THEM UP WITH THE LP
ADDRESSES AND L&P PHYSICAL
ADDRESSES?

DOES POPE BENEDICT
OWN A Q-PAD?

CLEVER
BOY TREY YOU SHOULD
SEE THIS. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.



THE POLICE HAVE
ARRIVED. TO PROTECT
US! THE IRONY IS SIMPLY
BEAUTIFUL.



REPLAY DE
VIDEO TO SEE
WHAT HAPPENED
THERE, JANN

JANN?



IT'S
ALL HERE,
BOSS!
GOOD BOY,
CRUSTY.



AND FOR YOU,
BUBBLES, YOUR
JUICE.



WAIT A MINUTE, I
GOT IT. I KNOW WHO
YOU LOOK LIKE, GONZO.
IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME
THIS WHOLE TIME.



YOU LOOK
JUST LIKE THE
JOKE—



WELL DONE, MY PALE
FRIEND. WELL DONE.

MY AGENT IS A FOOL, BUT
A USEFUL ONE. HE DESERVED NOTHING
LESS THAN WHAT HE RECEIVED, BUT NO
MORE THAN THAT. YOU WERE WISE
TO RESTRAIN YOURSELF.



TAKE WHAT
YOU HAVE PAID FOR
AND GO. I'M QUITE SURE
YOU'LL BE SATISFIED...
AND BE BACK FOR
MORE.



"MORNING,
DEAR."

AAAAAHHHHH!!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN HARDWARE LIKE THIS.
QUANTUM COMPUTER. Q-BIT
ENCRYPTED. IT WOULD TAKE A
SUPERCOMPUTER A THOUSAND
YEARS TO CRACK IT
OPEN.

OBVIOUSLY I CAN'T
CRACK IT IN THE SHORT
TIME WE HAVE TOGETHER.
OTHERWISE, YOU'D BE WAKING
UP IN JAIL. YOU AND ALL
YOUR MURDEROUS
PALS.

AAAAAHHHHH!!

REALLY I JUST BROUGHT YOU
UP HERE TO HELP ME SEND A
MESSAGE. TELL YOUR FRIENDS
I'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM AT
THE **SHELL GATE POWER
STATION** IN **PORT MORRIS**.
JUST THE **OTHER FOUR**
WITH THE **BIKES**.

NO BACKUP. NO
WEAPONS. NO **BIG
UGLY GREEN GUY**. OR
I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU
UP HERE.

THIS IS JUNK. THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY I'M SNATCHED BY
THE **TARGET** HE WANTS TO MEET
AT THE **SHELL GATE POWER
STATION** IN **FIFTEEN MINUTES**.
COME ALONE. COME UNARMED.
DO NOT BRING THE
HEAVY.

REPEAT: DO
NOT BRING
THE HEAVY.

OH, YOU KILLERS AND YOUR
COOL CODE WORDS. "HEAVY."
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
"MEANIE GREENIE" AND "NOT
SO JOLLY GREEN GIANT"
ARE TOO ON
THE NOSE.

READY
TO FLY?

VIRULE: I WANT YOU BACK OUT THERE. DON'T COME BACK UNTIL YOU'VE KILLED STATIC.

THAT PLASMA SUIT PILOT TOLD HIM SOMETHING IF HE MENTIONED DARKSTAR, THEN STATIC JEOPARDIZES OUR SECURITY AND OUR PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD. HE NEEDS TO BE KILLED IMMEDIATELY.

VIRULE CANNOT COMPLY WITH TAN YELING'S INSTRUCTIONS.

VIRULE HAS DISCOVERED DURING COMBAT WITH STATIC THAT STATIC'S NATURAL BIO-ENERGY IS THE ONLY KNOWN ENERGY SOURCE THAT CAN CAUSE VIRULE TO REPLICATE.

VIRULE FEELS... COMPELLED... TO REPLICATE.

THAT COMPELSION ISN'T SURPRISING SINCE VIRULE IS ESSENTIALLY AN ADVANCED VIRUS. THAT'S WHAT A VIRUS DOES. IT CONSUMES AND REPLICATES.

HOWEVER ALLOWING VIRULE TO REPLICATE IN SUCH AN UNCONTROLLED MANNER IS DEFINITELY NOT RECOMMENDED.

EXPOSURE TO THAT LEVEL OF RAW POWER WOULD LIKELY CORRUPT THE FRAGILE GENETIC SEQUENCE STRUCTURES, RESULTING IN HORRENDOUS MUTATIONS.

CONSUMING THE POWER OF STATIC, VIRULE COULD BECOME AN ARMY.

JANN HAS BEEN SNATCHED BY STATIC. HE WANTS TO MEET AT SHELL GATE POWER STATION IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. JANN ORDERED THE CODE WORD "HEAVY" TO ACTIVATE YOU. TAKE THE PUNK OUT.

SHELL GATE POWER STATION? THAT'S LITERALLY RIGHT OUTSIDE DARKSTAR'S DOOR!

DOES STATIC KNOW, OR IS THIS JUST RANDOM LUCK? EITHER WAY, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY MORE CHANCES.

VIRULE, YOU WILL KILL STATIC IMMEDIATELY, OR I WILL ACTIVATE THE FAIL-SAFE THAT WILL REDUCE YOU TO SILICON CRYSTAL DUST!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ORDER, VIRULE?

DEET
DEET
DEET

SHELL GATE POWER STATION, PORT MORRIS



THAT'S WHAT
I ADMIRE ABOUT YOU
SLATERS. YOUR BRUTALITY.
YOUR LETHALITY. AND
YOUR PUNCTUALITY.



WHAT'S THE DEAL? WHY
ARE YOU SO SET ON
TRYING TO KILL
ME?

SPILL IT, OR I
TURN JANN'S TABLET
OVER TO THE POLICE AND
ALL YOUR SECRETS WILL
BE REVEALED.

GREAT. YOU'VE SEEN MISSION IMPOSSIBLE,
TOO. OKAY, THEN, I'LL JUST TURN JANN
OVER TO THE POLICE. SOONER OR LATER
SHE'LL TALK, AND THEN THIS JOB
WILL BE UP.

PEFFFGSSSTT

~ PFFFT~ HE
KNOWS NOTHING
WE'RE CLEAR.
TAKE THE
SHOT.



TAKE THE
SHOT.



TAKE
THE
SHOT!

DAMN! WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN TRUST STONE COLD KILLERS TO KEEP THEIR WORD?

THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME SMARTER THAN THEM, I PLANNED FOR THAT.

HAVEN'T WE LEARNED ANYTHING, YET? YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME WITH A--

SOUND CANNON-LOUGH-BOOP ONE, BUTTERCUP.

TRY! I'M FREE!

I AM COMING FOR YOU.

COME ON--WE'RE OUT. WE'RE UNARMED. VIRULE CHOSE TO DISOBEY ORDERS. HE'S ON HIS OWN.

LET'S GLIDE

NOT SO FAST, MY FINE YOUNG PSYCHOPATHS. YOU'RE NOT GOING NOWH--

WHO? DON'T TOUCH THE MERCHANDISE, TINY!

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SOUND CANNON. LOUGH. BOOD ONE, BUTTERCUP.

I AM COMING FOR YOU.

COME ON--WE'RE OUT. WE'RE UNARMED. VIKRUL CHOSE TO DISOBEY ORDERS. HE'S ON HIS OWN.

LET'S GLIDE.

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VIRULE MUST
MAKE CONTACT
WITH YOUR BODY. VIRULE
MUST CONSUME YOUR
ENERGY. VIRULE MUST
KILL YOU WITH HIS
BARE HANDS.

CUPCAKE,
THAT'S CREEPY
ON SO MANY
LEVELS!

VIRULE
MUST CONSUME
YOUR POWER AND
REPLICATE.

I
TOLD
YOU...

SHW
KILL

VIRULE
MUST CONSUME
YOUR ENERGY...
VIRULE MUST
REPLICATE.

YOU WANT TO
CONSUME SOME
ENERGY?

...NO SECOND
BASE ON THE
THIRD DATE! I
GOT A REP TO
MAINTAIN.

VIRULE...MUST...
REPLICATE...

I'LL
GIVE YOU
ENERGY...



MUST...
REPLICATE...

...ALL YOU
CAN EAT,
BRUH...

THAT'S ALL I CAN
TAKE...FEELS
LIKE I'M GOING
TO EXPLODE...

SH-ZZ-BOOM!!!

DOOPS. KNOCKED
THE STATION OFF-
LINE. SORRY 'BOUT
THAT NEW YORK

MENTAL NOTE
ABSORBING A 94
MEGAWATT POWER
STATION'S TOTAL
E.M. OUTPUT AND
TRANSFORMING IT
INTO A SINGLE ALPHA
RAY BURST GIVES YOU
A WICKED HEADACHE.

NOT SO
BAD NOW, ARE YOU,
MY BIG GREEN FLE
OF SAND?

WHAT
WERE
YOU,
ANYWAY?

I KNOW I WON
THIS BATTLE, BUT
THE WAR IS FAR
FROM OVER.

AN OLD
THREAT
WITH A NEW TWIST
NOTS MANHATTAN
WITH A
BANG!

Really. Here we are into the third month of DC THE NEW 52, and you have all helped us turn it into a runaway success we can all be thankful for.

I personally am thankful for having been involved in this history-making venture, and we are not about to let up.

On a recent mini-trip out west, one of the days involved getting up at 5 A.M. Pacific Time to make sure it would be in the right time zone to go over **JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK** with writer Peter Milligan in England. We talked over how to grow the threat of the evil witch Enchantress and what it would all mean to Deadman.

Then Group Editor Ben Abernathy and I reviewed what is happening in the **HUNTRESS** mini (which I had just expressed to artist Marcus To the week before in Canada how he is kicking butt with Helena) and the big surprises there.

Next, I met up with Mike Johnson, one of the Mikes writing **SUPERGIRL** (the other is Green). We talked about some of the epic adversaries that Kara will soon face as she begins to understand her origins and place here on Earth. Next, Creative Executive Adam Schlagman and I braved L.A. traffic (a challenge not for the weak-willed—seriously, anybody who drives out there deserves a **GREEN LANTERN** ring) to go over with Scott Lobdell what the evil organization N.O.W.H.E.R.E., that we so far have seen only in **TEEN TITANS** and **SUPERBOY**, is up to and what it means to the Young Justice of the DC Universe.

Barely scratching the surface of the threats that could be uniting against our heroes, we had to rush back to West Coast DCE offices so Adam Glass and I could talk about some rather nasty things that he is planning for the **SUICIDE SQUAD**. Some of it is gut wrenching, if not stomach churning. In a good but "eww" way.

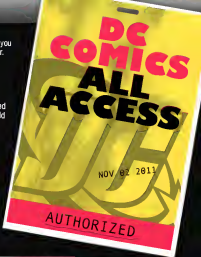
Somewhere in there I fit in time to see Kevin Kiriya, Executive Director of Creative Services, who gave me a walk-through of what DC Direct will be putting out in the coming months. Such cool stuff! Good thing the holidays are around the corner!

So yes, a time to give THANKS to all of YOU for supporting all our efforts. Who needs rest when there's sooooo much excitement around here??!

—Eddie Berganza
Executive Editor

Next: Bobbie Chase Greeting with Batgirl!

Mahmud Asrar on **SUPERGIRL** and Mikel Janer on **JUSTICE LEAGUE DARK** are just 2 of 52 things to be thankful for this year!



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